

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 628

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Barbara Evans on being chosen
Teacher of the Year at Fairview-Marguerite
Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Evans is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Evans was recently selected as the Fairview-Marguerite Elementary School Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, as an encore recipient having received the same honor in 2007, Ms. Evans has certainly proven herself an exemplar for her students and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, a remedial reading and mathematics teacher at Fairview-Marguerite Elementary School, Barbara Evans holds a Bachelors of Arts degree in elementary education from Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida; she also holds a masters degree in administration and supervision and an Education Specialist degree in curriculum and instruction from Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her instructional duties, Ms. Evans is lead mentor at her school, and she is also chairperson of the School Leadership Committee and coordinator/facilitator of the school's "30-Minute Thursday," which provides optional professional development for teachers on topics of interest and need; and

WHEREAS, solidly committed to improving the profession of teaching, Ms. Evans has been recognized by Carson-Newman College for her participation in the National Council for

Accreditation of Teacher Education and Tennessee State Department of Education Program Review; and

WHEREAS, an active volunteer in her community, Barbara Evans said, "I recognize and appreciate the importance of community support and involvement in our schools. Through my involvement with various organizations and community events, I have been given the opportunity to give back to Morristown for giving so much to our students and their families."; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Evans serves as a board member of Girls, Inc., has been a recent chairperson for United Way at her school, and is a member of Alpha Delta Kappa sorority. She has served as the Human Rights Committee chairperson at the Lakeway Achievement Center, and she has been a volunteer instructor for First Aid and for cardiopulmonary resuscitation for the Hamblen County Chapter, American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Evans is an educator who has worked assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, and she is an effective ambassador for the schools in her community seeking every opportunity to link children and families with beneficial resources in the Morristown and Hamblen County areas; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Evans truly epitomizes the paragon of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Barbara Evans upon being named Fairview-Marguerite Elementary School Teacher of the Year, and we extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.